

### REMARKS

The Examiner noted that the claims originally submitted did not include a claim 50 and renumbered claims 51-60 as 50-59. Applicant has addressed the Office Action using the claim renumbering provided by the Examiner.

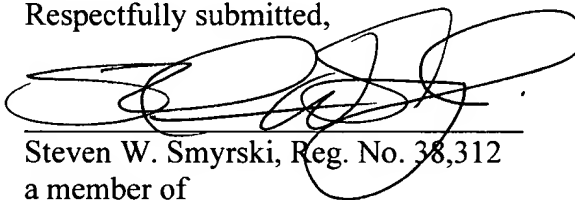
Applicant elects those claims identified by the Examiner as belonging to Group I and has cancelled the remaining claims.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment associated with this Response to Deposit Account No. 16-1805.

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Respectfully submitted,



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